

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**  
**(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)**

Chairman: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1  
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2  
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4  
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5  
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6  
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7  
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8  
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, March 26, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., at 6:52 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr. Supervisor ex officio. Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5, was absent from this Committee meeting.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Councilmember Crosby called the meeting to order and stated first on the agenda was Mr. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director, Re: 1) Contract award for completion of Engineering Building and Records Management Building.

Mr. Carson stated the work had been suspended on the Engineering and Records Management Buildings for some time. The original contractor, Sandlapper Construction, had failed to pay subcontractors and after work stopped, several efforts had been made to get things going again. In working with the Bonding Company they terminated the contract and pursued the Performance Bond. The contract that is before the Committee this evening was developed through that process. The Bonding Company took competitive bids and they had been working with the Legal Department on an agreement with the Bonding Company whereby they would basically settle the issues and issue a contract to Stenstrom Associates, Inc., for completion of the project. He stated they are recommending and request award of the contract to Stenstrom in the amount of \$235,474.83. This is not an additional amount but is in lieu of Sandlapper completing

the contract. In fact, their price would actually be reduced because of liquidated damages and some other items that came into play.

Supervisor Rozier stated bonds are placed on bid packages in case the contractors fail to fulfill their responsibility, the County is then able to go to the Bonding Company and it would be at no additional cost to the County.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda was Mr. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Bids and Recommendations, 1) Animal Shelter Services.

Mr. Hamer stated Request for Proposals for the Animal Shelter were locally advertised, and also, four (4) proposals were sent to companies whom they thought might be interested. Only one proposal was returned, which was from the Berkeley County SPCA in the amount of \$15,000 per month. He stated that is their recommendation contingent upon negotiations through the County Supervisor on requirements specified in the RFP.

Councilmember Mims asked what is the difference in the cost compared to what the County normally pays? Supervisor Rozier stated that this is not a cost savings but an opportunity for the County to expand another department in its responsibilities. The Animal Control Officers would remain employees of the County; two people from the Animal Shelter would become Codes Enforcement Officers. The other Animal Control Officers would remain, and would be available in the evenings and on weekends for emergency calls on Codes Enforcement. He stated it allows the Codes Enforcement Office to expand at no additional cost to the County. Supervisor Rozier stated the SPCA would manage the shelter and the animals. They would expand the hours; for example, the shelter closes at 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, but they would stay open until 7:00 p.m. They would close at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and open on Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He stated this gives additional hours for adoptions, which he hopes would be a good way to get more animals adopted out. The SPCA provides this service in Charleston and Dorchester Counties.

Councilmember Mims asked were there any reasons why they got only one response? Supervisor Rozier stated they chose not to respond. It was advertised and was mailed to four potential responders. Mr. Hamer stated he could call them to see why they didn't respond. Supervisor Rozier stated that at this point they would be nonconforming because the time limit is over.

Councilmember Pinckney asked whether the \$15,000 would be an additional cost to the County? Supervisor Rozier stated that is included in the current budget.

Councilmember Spooner asked was the contract set up on a month-to-month basis in case either party wanted to renege? Supervisor Rozier stated it was set up that way rather than on a quarterly basis of \$45,000 or semi-annually. If it doesn't work, the last thing he would want to

happen is to not have the money to continue operation of the facility. Councilmember Spooner asked about the euthanized animals to be transported by the SPCA. Supervisor Rozier stated that in a prior discussion it was noted that the County would come back each day and take the euthanized animals away. However, Pam Powell was able to negotiate with the SPCA and they would handle that themselves. He stated our Animal Control Officers would still deliver animals to the SPCA but that's the extent of our responsibility at the facility. The County would still respond to stray animals on the road; we would respond after hours to emergency situations and would have access to the holding pen at the facility.

Councilmember Farley asked would the SPCA keep the facility in Goose Creek open? Supervisor Rozier stated yes, the facility in Goose Creek would remain open, and would certainly add to the adoption opportunities, also. He stated to be perfectly fair, "none of us know for sure that it is going to work; it's an opportunity to try something different, if it doesn't work then we would still have an animal shelter, if it works we would have additional Codes Enforcement Officers at no additional cost to the County." There are a lot of dollars to make up in balancing the budget and this may help.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item C, Re: Solid Waste Franchise Bids: 1) Sangaree Special Tax District Franchise Area was being held.

Chairman Crosby stated Item D was Consideration of RESOLUTION to accept Berkeley County SPCA's proposal to operate the Berkeley County Animal Shelter and to designate an additional premise for care should have been placed under Councilmember Pinckney's committee, Human Services. He asked the Committee's pleasure. Chairman Crosby suggested they adjourn and let Councilmember Pinckney convene the meeting on Human Services.

Mr. Stokes stated the proper method would be, in Councilmember Pinckney's discretion, to allow Councilmember Crosby's Committee to hear the Resolution since there hadn't been any notices of the Human Services meeting. The Resolution could then be presented through the Public Works and Purchasing Committee with Councilmember Pinckney's approval. He stated the other option would be to hear it in the Human Services Committee next month.

Councilmember Pinckney stated he would prefer to hear this matter at the next monthly meeting of the Human Services Committee.

Councilmember Spooner moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Farley; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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A Special Meeting of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Monday March 26, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., scheduled to begin at 6:50 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- A. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director: Re,
  - 1. Contract award for completion of Engineering Building and Records Management Building.
- B. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Bids and Recommendations:
  - 1. Animal Shelter Services.
- C. Ms. Annette Harmon, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal Fee Administrator, Re: Solid Waste Franchise Bids:
  - 1. Sangaree Special Tax District Franchise Area.
- D. Consideration of RESOLUTION to accept Berkeley County SPCA proposal to operate the Berkeley County Animal Shelter and to designate an additional premise for care.

March 21, 2001  
S/Barbara B. Austin  
Clerk of County Council